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Thursday, March 22, 1990

Ambitious project ets little support

C. developer oust scale down x-story complex

April Lynch

EL CERRITO — Local offi-is have agreed to scale down as for a major office complex the northern end of the city of discovering that the project as generating little interest from

mmunty."

e council voted to follow

effe's recommendation that

exists or y office building

ed for the northeast corner

of San Pablo Avenue and Cutting Boulevard be scaled down to three stories.

After six months of extensive marketing, Berkeley-based project developer GLM Real Estate Services has been unable to drum up enough tenants or lenders to support the original six-story plan.

The decision comes in the midst of several other major redevelopment tangles. Plans for El Cerrito Plaza are on indefinite hold. A lawsuit has stalled a proposed shopping center across from the Del Norte BART station, and Councilmember Cathie Kosel informed the council Monday that a new component of the state's plan to widen 1-80 could scuttle the shopping center project altogether.

Scaling down the development will also cost the city government a chance to upgrade its temporary work quarters. Last September, the City Council voted to move El Cerrito's municipal offices to the new six-story building if 50 percent of the space had not been



lood recycling business ranches out in Albany

Village.

the approval of the Planda Zoning Commission public hearing last week, d Wood Products of Valley will begin comfinely shredded wood and turning it into clean for gardening and are.

Planning Director Claudia Cappio and assistant Matt Kowta explained that there is a 200-foot buffer zone between the composting site and the nearest student housing, significantly diminishing noise.
"There's enough distance between the site and the residents to reduce the decibel level," Kowta said.

said.
"If there was really a noise pro-See COMPOST on page 7

SEEDS OF CHANGE



A view from the clubhouse

By Teri DeLoache

short elderly man with white hair stoops down to pick up someone else's discarded ticket off the cold linoleum at Golden Gate Fields' clubhouse. He hopes that by accident it has the number of a winning horse on it. People rush by wearing fur coats and cowboy boots, oblivious to the surroundings.

The noisy crowd is evenly divided between serious bettors who make horseracing

a lifestyle and casual en-thusiasts who gamble for entertainment.

"You see a lot of life's problems, strengths and weaknesses at the track. It's a mirror that reflects the human condition. For some the track is a sanctuary, real or imagined," said usher Jimmy Lyons.

Peter Chan is a serious bettor. He comes to the racetrack Wednesday through Sunday, every day the horses run. He brings \$1,000 with him to bet with. See RACES on page 6



Fans at a Saturday race

hip on the Berkeley Ferry went from a post-quake 800 to 100 after the Bay Bridge reopened

The last ferry ride

Water commute meets its demise

By Andy Whipple

How could anyone help but fall in love with the ferry ride to San Francisco? It's soothing, scenic, inexpensive and more than a bit romantic.

Drive down to the foot of University Avenue and the first thing you see — before even getting on board — is nearly 800 parking spaces, all of them free and most of them empty. But there's the rub.

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The Berkeley Ferry service, despite its incredible charms and despite the spirited and resourceful efforts of a volunteer promotional group, is so woefully underpatronized that tomorrow will be its final run. If you're planning to take a ferry ride, just for the joy of it, better not put it off.

"We run out of money on the 23rd," said Geroge Gray of Caltrans. "It's that simple."

Gray explains that the transbay ferry service (connections to San Francisco from Oakland, Alameda and Richmond, as well as Berkeley) has been getting more than an 80 percent subsidy from federal and state sources.

The figure isn't all that bad, compared to BART (60 percent subsidy) or AC Transit (70 per-

cent). But it's not enough.
Roger Murphy, general manager of the Blue and Gold fleet, said ridership on the Berkeley-to-San Francisco run has dipped below 200 round trips per day since mid-February, and on some days has been less than 100.
To meet operating expenses — even with a continuing Caltrans subsidy — 800 round trip tickets must be sold every day.
During the brief period when the Bay Bridge was closed for repairs (remember?) Berkeley ferry patrons averaged close to 800, and on several days passed the 1,000 mark.
During the years before the Bay Bridge was built, East Bay-to-San Francisco ferry traffic was astounding: In 1927, according to Dick Lerner of the Berkeley Ferry Committee, more than 46 million passengers made the trip on 10 different lines — an average of close to 65,000 round trips a day.

In November of this year, Bay Bridge crossings averaged 186,000 per day; BART, 135,000; and ferries (from all East Bay points, including Vallejo), 12,000.

Commuters are staying away in droves (on the See FERRY on page 4

SOMEWHERE DOWN DEEP inside me lurks an Ohio adolescent who is all at sixes and sevens if she has nowhere to go and nothing to do on Friday night. If you're like me, and why not, Friday night still says "date" — gotta dance, kick over the week's traces and live it up. Solitary television just won't do.

The best part of memory is it's selective. It eliminates the negative. In reality I couldn't get a date then either. Well, on double and triple dates, the girls inveigled me into going to Kirtland to basketball games paired with Beanie Boneham. He had the only car — redolent of manure though it was.

But my sacrifice to popularity became too great when it was time to park in the cemetery and neck with Beanie, so they had to find other transportation.

Friday night in 1990. Where in Albany are the

transportation.
Friday night in 1990. Where in Albany are the lights bright, convivial folks laughing and making new friends, so to speak? Here's one person's oddyssey through our town after dark.

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ALBANY RESTAURANTS are justly famous among competitive diners-out compelled to stay on the cutting edge of the latest in roasted roots and braised berries. But we Ohio bread, potato and corn eaters are food fuddyduddies.

Enoteca Mastro, the new Italian place on San Pablo, for instance, turns the gournets away. What I had there was five bare raviolis, with goat cheese, gasp, on a big black plate. That's Italian? The sushi at the Sugata on Solano is beautiful to see, but when the flying fish roe was popping between my molars or I was chewing raw eel, I did wonder if I was going to be able to swallow without making a spectacle of myself. At least at Al's Big Burger or Walker's I know, or imagine I know, what I'm eating.

So my choice for the big night out was dinner at the Monterey (on the new sign and the menu) or Monterrey (painted on the window) Mexican restaurant on the corner of Solano and Santa Fe. Flashing lights, plenty of neon, beaded curtains, a painting of a lurid watermelon with other fruits, a portrait of a handsome Mexican hero and the Valentine's Day decoration on March 16 gave the ambience of Old Mexico, especially if you've never been there.

Families and Friday twosomes sat at white-clothed tables, talking and eating while mariachis, the Trio Dos Panchos and Senorita Dinamita played on the juke box. Taking a table in the back corner, I ordered enchiladas and dipped taco chips in the tongue-searing salsa, putting out the flames with XX Dos Equis, arbitrarily chosen over the Pacifico and Chihuahua cervezas.

The dinner was hot ("Don't touch the plate," warned the young waitress), good eats, authentic Mexican and I knew what it was.

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ACROSS THE STREET at The Pub, I had a Taunton's Blackthorn Cider. They also serve John Courage beer and Fuller's bitter on tap. The Pub is a craftsman house with a bar in the dining area and tables in other rooms and on the porch, homey as can be. I sank into an overstuffed chair by the fireplace. Modern jazz wailed behind the intellectual repartee.

Everybody seemed to know everybody else. Fred, who used to have a collectibles store on lower Solano, and a pal played cribbage. Deep talk about "men who don't like women" and the "ambiguity of politicians" came from the corners of the smoke-filled living room.

Deciding the two bored boys reading 1971

ALBANY — The following is a partial account of crimes and incidents listed on the Albany police blotter this week.

• A Richmond woman, 24, was arrested and charged with prostitution after she was seen "working johns" outside the Villa Motel, 1155 San Pablo Ave., at 12:30 a.m. March 16. She was under the influence of drugs and refused to take a urine test.

Meeting changed

A March 26 Albany City Council public hearing on a new noise ordinance (including gas-powered leaf blowers) has been postponed.

gas-powered leaf blowers) has been postponed. The proposed ordinance is slated for discussion by the Planning and Zoning Commis-sion at 8 p.m., Tuesday, March 27.



By Phyllis Lyon

National Geographics ("Apollo 14 Lands") probably wouldn't respond to friendly overtures, I checked out the bookcase — books in Hebrew and some John Kenneth Galbraith. I nearly dozed off until I remembered I was out for a wild night on the town.

AROUND MIDNIGHT Friday the Ivy Room at the corner of San Pablo and Solano jumps, guaranteed. People — old, young and in between — were belied three-deep up to the bar, shuffleboard discs were hot, the place was filled with shouts, laughs and the big band sound. The television silently showed a black and white movie

"Could they dance!" said a young man with black curls and hat to match, drinking Jack Daniel's boilermakers, when Fred Astaire and Rita Hayworth appeared on the TV. "Could they ever," I said and ordered a Tom Collins.

On the bar stool to my left a middle-aged man with the face of an angel, who had somewhat overshot his capacity for Wild Turkey boilermakers, asked me if I was retired. (Beats "What's your sign?")

He and I thereupon had a profound talk about our ideals and aspirations, bemoaned life's tribulations and concluded we want to live forever anyway. (If you should run into him some Friday night at the Ivy Room, please don't ask about me. He knows my darkest secrets.)

As I was leaving, the black-curled boy said "Have a nice night" and I ran into Jack Dempster, who invited me to linger awhile longer. "Thanks," I said, "But I'm going to the Hotsy Totsy."

Totsy."

LEGEND AROUND TOWN has it that the Hotsy Totsy, at the corner of San Pablo and Garfield, is a haunt of evil. A Garfield resident once recounted to the Planning Commission such goings-on there not fit to print in a family newspaper.

Maybe sometimes, but not last Friday at 1 a.m. A man with fuzzy white hair, wearing the tatty clothes and demeanor of the homeless, sat near the door staring straight ahead without refreshment before him.

Four men, all 25, gathered around the blaring television sat at the other end of the bar, bickering in unseemly language over the non-start of the baseball season. Four more men, also 25, piayed pool and pinball. They appeared to have two Buds among them.

I wondered to myself if I should buy the staring old man an egg or some coffee, but my heart wasn't in t. My night in the fast track was winding down.

Letters |

Save the rain forests in Costa Rica

Can everybody who is reading this letter help save the rain forests in Costa Rica and in other places like that? If I even had one wish I would wish that people would not cut down rain forests.

people would not cut down rain forests.

I am in the first grade at Sierra School. The whole school is studying about rain forests. There is lots of wildlife in rain forests. There are pumas, snakes, monkeys, sloths, leaf-cutter ants and macaws, too. In the African rain forests there are people called Pygmies and they are very short. They grow to be about 4 feet tall. The Pygmies live in peace in the rain forests. They do not destroy nature. If all the rain forests are cut down they will have to move to cities.

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There are more than one million animals in the rain forests. I wish the whole world was a big rain forest. Almost every day tons of trees are chopped down by people. It is very sad.

I like MacDonald's food a lot but they chop down rain forests so they can graze cattle. They should graze their cattle in other places like Lafayette or places that are already meadows.

Sara Dosa

Sara Dosa Berkeley

Waterfront: where will the money come from?

Editor:

Albany residents have been hearing a lot lately about converting the Albany waterfront into one huge park and about how wonderful that will be for Albany residents.

But who is going to pay the millions of dollars to buy the land and improve the land? Where will the money come from to maintain this huge expanse of parklands?

I haven't heard one word about how all of this will be financed. Nor have I heard anything about how to replace the track revenue or how to generate the additional revenue Albany will need in future years.

When these lonely questions are asked, the usual response is that Albany must be "creative" which, to me, means "I don't know."

If we let these outsiders win

which, to me, means 'I don't know.'

If we let these outsiders win their unrealistic demands, we taxpayers in Albany will foot the bill with higher taxes. That's not fair to our older citizens and to the younger families who are trying to make ends meet on limited budgets.

Let's keep Albany affordable for all, not just the privileged few who can afford to pay the enormous taxes that this huge park will demand of us.

Wayne O. Keith

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The Albanization of 'The Journal'

In an article in your March 8 issue ("City ballot measure criticized at meeting," Teri DeLoache), there are references to "City Council," "city measures," "city watchdog," and "the city." Never once does the piece indicate which city is being indicated. For a newspaper which describes itself as serving the communities of Albany, El Cerrito and Kensington, this is a grievous shortcoming.

Using the reference to Golden Gate Fields race track as a clue, I figured out that the story was about Albany. This seems to be a demonstration of the Albanization of the newspaper that was once referred to as the El Cerrito Journal. In an article in your March 8

El Cerrito Journal

Mary Heath-Walter El Cerrito

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Our apologies. The Albany datelin was inadvertently omitted.)

Stop whining and stop breaking parking laws

Editor:
Your columnist, Chris
Treadway ("The generic East
Bay City," The Journal, March
1), should "come off it"
regarding parking meters in
Albany. Here we have a
confessed scofflaw whining
about the consequences of his
own willful violation of the
parking ordinance, asserting

that, were it not for the parking meters themselves, there would be no problem. Not likely, since it is his parking habits which are the problem, not the parking meters which monitor them.

Albany's parking enforcement (a.k.a. "Community Service") officers issue just under 1,000 citations per month, or 30 per day, via a complex process of tire chalking and watch watching.

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Mr. Treadway is just as likely to be ticketed in meterless Albany as in Oakland, if not more so. The only difference is that in Oakland he has the option of paying for this service by feeding the bandits instead. Now, assuming that the Albany-Berkeley Municipal Court is no more pleased by violators such as Chris who choose to ignore their citations than Oakland's fine collectors are, I find that his argument is not with the meters, per se, but rather with the principle of having to pay for parking at all. Parking's free in Albany so long as you don't abuse the privilege by overextending your curbside welcome. Not so most everywhere else where it's "pay now or pay later."

Chris Treadway apparently doesn't think he should have to pay at all. Unfortunately, Albany's ability to afford that luxury to him and the rest of the 83.3 percent non-resident occupants of its commercial curbspace has long since expired. No parking problem in Albany? Nearly 1,000 hapless patrons per month just like Treadway would not agree.

Look at it this way: For every wester we were the set of the server.

month just like Treadway would not agree.

Look at it this way: For every quarter we put into the meters, a buck and a half goes into the till—plus whatever incentive bonuses the meter minders can gather. My kind of deal, Chris. You're welcome here in userfriendly Albany!

Evan R. Flavell

A thousand points of darkness

Mr. President, read our lips!

Mr. President, read our lips! Every which way we turn we see holes and patches in our infrastructure and in our environment. Things are going down hill so fast we are now No. 22 in infant mortality reduction but No. 1 in military arms export in the world.

You say "no new taxes" and the next day you say, "If you need anything, tax yourselves locally. We have no money in Washington." Mr. President, you owe us some very big refunds from that war chest we the people filled for Ronnie, and another one we are filling for

you.
Just a few examples: \$100
billion Trident II subs and F-18
jet fighter programs; \$68 billion
Stealth bomber program; Star
Wars funding for 1989 — \$41
billion; and development cost of
the Midgetman ICBM, \$6
billion.

the Mogerinan FCBM, 30 billion.

"The fact is that there's plenty of money in this wealthiest of all nations. It just has to be shifted from the fat accounts to the lean. There were billions to be found when the S&Ls had to be bailed out There are funds to be found for contras, death squads, defense forces and anti-communist crusades in every cranny of the Third World.

crusades in every cranny of the Third World.

"Only when the health and welfare and hopes of ordinary Americans are concerned is the sanctity of the current accounting system invoked." (The Nation Feb. 26, 1990.)

Meanwhile, back in California just a few of our needs—airports, railroads, shipping ports, mass transit, sewage and water supply treatment and distribution and nuclear plant cleanup—will cost at least a billion a year for the next 10 years.

years.
Mr. President, how about acting for peace by spending for peace. Here at home the alternative is a thousand points of darkness.

Art Schroeder El Cerrito

Don't hide from the census takers

The United States has the oldest regular continuing population counting program in the world. The twenty-first running of the 10-year-cycle may be said to begin on Friday, March 23 when the questionnaires will again go out

in the mail.

The Reader's Digest and

The Reader's Digest and popular periodicals have publishing descriptive and historical articles about the year's census so I shall no more of that information. What concerns me is we conceive of as a greatly increasing modern tenden people, particularly in our Area, to want to avoid the census.

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people just enjoy flouting authority. I therefore with bring some important information to the attention to the attention to the attention to the census.

The census is for statistical purposes only. It is a felon anyone to reveal personal information on census questionnaires.

It is important for a son have accurate statistical information on its own composition. This informatival for effective economic health, educational and legislative planning. We maccurate knowledge of the changes that are going on our nation.

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California and the feder government provide and punany vital local program basis of population. When population is under-report get less than our share of available funding. We could less than our fair share of representation in Sacrame and Washington.
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reporting of popule afraid. Do not game of bugging for fun. Be proud and be counted as more effective

Get rid of the leaf-blowing beast

calm-shattering, uncreases practice.

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Gov. George Deukmejian

This is probably the midifficult letter I have ever written, If the graphic description of the chain of description of the chainevents portrayed doesn't
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Unfortunately, you will
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In the summer of 1981 beloved brother Eric was hideously murdered. The that was involved in this will be forever dehumanist the sheer bloodthirst each. The process (alas, ther more appropriate choice wording) began when a mof the murder gang shol while he was working on personal projects in his The first wound was defined in the closest neighbor's hot the closest neighbor's hot The murderers were with the closest neighbor's ho

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● Burglars used an East Bay water company cement meter cover to break the front door glass of Super Stop Market, 747 San Pablo Ave., at 3.50 a.m. March 12. They stole \$275 in cash and \$7.30 in beer and caused \$500 damage. A witness saw a white sedan driving away from the scene westbound on Washington Street. entered a home on the 1000 bloc of Santa Fe Avenue March 1. They performed a "messy prowl but did not take anything.

Police Report Compiled by Janet Byron

Albany woman narrowly escapes house fire

ourning before lying down to rest.

• At 2:45 p.m. March 13 two Albany brothers, 24 and 30, and an El Cerrito man, 30, approached their car on Garfield Avenue near San Pablo Avenue just as a man, 36, was attempting to break in.

Someone broke a window and

● At 1:30 a.m. March 16 officers saw a 31-year-old Albany man knocking over bus benches in front of the Albany police station. Deemed too drunk to care for himself, he was taken into the station. Street.

● On March 13 at 3:30 p.m. police saw flames shooting out the window of a house on the 900 block of Stannage Avenue. A woman, 68, who was sleeping in the bedroom, suffered smoke inhalation and minor burns on her head. She had left a small candle burning before lying down to rest.

• Four cars stolen in Albany were recovered and returned to their owners. A 1970 Ford Ranchero was found in Oakland, a 1981 Oldsmobile in Richmond, a 1970 Toyota in Hayward and a 1976 Datsun in Fairfield.

Police stopped a gray Chevrolet with an expired registration on San Pablo Avenue at 1 a.m. March 13. The unlicens-ed driver had an open pint of Night Train Express red wine on

• At 12:30 a.m. March 15 a

See POLICE REPORT on page 4

■ Correction ■

The date for an El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce mixer at DeSalvo Chiropractic in Central Bank Plaza was mistakenly printed as April 1. The mixer will take place April 12.

Due to a typographical error Evan Flavell's commentary (March 15) read that the waterfront EIR process is proceeding "with hindrance toward an unacceptable conclusion." It should have read: "without hindrance."

Every effort is made to ensure ac-curacy in The Journal. Readers are encouraged to write with corrections or clarifications to PO. Box 1624, El Cerrito 94530.

New look at Yogurt Affair

w look is about to be at Rosemarie Burns' Yogurt Affair where she modeling soon. There will window seating as well as seating by moving the toward the rear of the eating by moving toward the rear of toward the rear of toward then add a loa of pastries and desser enu of pastries and desserts.
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er is Jordon Maderious
born Jan. 3 at Alta Bates
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Hospital with a broken
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breaking three bones.
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ank of America.

New members

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his own business not
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ants. He and his wife,
meh, moved to Albany two
ago where Mirzai worked
s cousin, Majid Mahani
Cafe), learning all facets
restaurant business.
e is outside patio seating at

NEW PIECES



One may watch Mirzai prepare his Mexican dishes since he is in view in his stainless kitchen at all times. All foods are prepared at the cafe including different salsa, chips and pies. An espresso machine is heavily used. This family-oriented restaurant has off-street parking and is open daily.

daily.

The Marzais are the parents of 15-month-old Neign. Ali Mirzai works every day and night at the cafe but rises early to get in daily jogging, tennis and, if time permits, read everything about cooking.

Before Fletcher Oakes and Bar-Before Fletcher Oakes and Barbara Speed opened their Some Enchanted Earring store on Solano Avenue in October, they sold Oakes's hand-crafted jewelry at craft fairs including bolos, earring racks, pins, fine art work and fanciful clocks.

Their store offers a variety of hand-crafted jewelry made by Oakes and other local artists. Items can be made to order.

Oakes became a jeweler in Vermont 17 years ago. Speed has

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CHILDREN'S QUILT PROJECT

We need your help to make quilts for AIDS, homeless, and drug-affected babies. Our stocking project in December was a success. Over 1000 stockings were made. We've set the second Sunday each month as a workday at New Pieces. Join us - bring your thimble and help tie, baste, or bind! Donations of fabric, quilt tops or finished quilts are also greatly appreciated. For more information stop in at New Pieces anytime.



Fletcher Oakes and Barbara Speed
Proprietors of Some Enchanted Earring on Solan

been taking jewelry-making classes and studying business management as she assists Oakes with the business. They were married in 1982 in the house they live in in Richmond.

Speed is also a musician, teaching saxophone, flute and clarinet to children and adults.

She lived in London for five years studying music and plays in big bands and small groups.

Oakes was a photographic specialist in the Peace Corps in Paraguay in the '70s. He has traveled in 48 states, Canada and Mexico. His two grown sons live in Santa Cruz.

Rabbi takes the confusion out of preparing a Seder

Because so many people are intimidated by the thought of putting on their own Seders (the special ceremonial dinner celebrating the Passover Nabbi Judy Shanks and Temple Beth Hillel will present a Passover "how to" workshop at the Temple, 801 Park Central (off Hillop Drive) in Richmond on March 25 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Members and non-members are welcome and there is no fee.

"I't will really be a hands-on workshop," Rabbi Shanks reported. Some of the favorite songs will be taught and led by Becky Vargas and Ronnie Davis

will explain the haggada (the book by which the seder members follow and repeat the ritual and story of the Passover). Certain of the ritual foods will be prepared by the workshop attendees and the items on the Seder plate will be explained.

Rabbi Shanks said the workshop will be helpful to peo-ple who are Jewish but have never put on a Seder themselves as well as to non-Jewish people who find themselves going to or putting on

Zentrum Antiques ASSOCIATED IMPORTERS In the Berkeley Antique Design Center

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desks and dressing tables.

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Events in Kensington this week

The Kensington Senior Center holds programs and classes each Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Arlington Community Church. For information call 526-9146.

Roberta Ghertner will present a slide show, *Interesting Indonesian Islands*, at the 11 a.m. program on March 27.

The Kensington Area
Republican Women's Club will
meet March 28 at noon at the
Mira Vista Country Club, El Cerrito. The speaker will be Doris
Adams, Aging Issue Chairman of
the Northern California Division
of Republican Women.
Reservations must be received
by March 26. For information
call 529-1045.

Church Notes

First Baptist Church, 1319 Solano Ave., Albany. Rev. G. Thomas Fattaruso, 526-6632.
Visiting preacher Rev. David Hopper will lead the Sunday worship service at 11 a.m. March 25. Sunday school classes for all ages are a 9:30 a.m. There is a 3 p.m. class for candidates for baptism.
Bible study and prayer meeting is 7:15 p.m. Wednesdays.

the service.

Rev. Barnes will preach March 25 on the three D's of spiritual maturity:
Detachment, discretion and

First Church of Christ Scientist, 601 Lexington Ave., El Cerrito. 525-1676.
Sunday services and Sunday school are at 11 a.m. Wednesday evening testimonial meeting is 5 p.m. The public reading room is open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 1 to 3 p.m.

El Cerrito United Methodist Church, 6830 Stockton Ave., El Cer-rito. Gary E. Pope-Sears, pastor. 525-3500.

525-3500.

Worship service is at 10 a.m. with Pastor Pope-Sears presiding. Coffee hour is at 11 a.m.

The adult Bible class and special discussion classes meet at 11:15 a.m.

Lenten services will be held every Wednesday evening through April 11.

First Uniterion Church J. J. Course.

First Unitarian Church, I Lawson Road, Kensington. Dr. Richard Boeke. 525-0302. Family meditation service is at 8:30 a.m. The Personal Theology group and the 20s-40s group both meet at 9:30 a.m. March 25 Rev. Holly F. Horn will.

9:30 a.m.

March 25 Rev. Holly E. Horn will officiate at the 10:45 a.m. service.

The sermon title is *The Family*

10:45 a.m.

St. Alban's Episcopal Church,
1501 Washington Ave., Albany. The
Rev. James R. Stickney. 525-1716.
Dean Paul Strid will lead a Lenten
study series on the Gospel of Matthew
March 28 and April 4. Evenings begin
with prayer at 6 p.m., a soup supper
at 6:30 and the study sessions at 7:30.
Regular services are at 8 and 10
a.m. Sundays and 11 a.m.
Wednesdays.

Wednesdays.

Northbrae Community Church,
941 The Alameda, Berkeley.
326-3805.

The church meets at 10 a.m. with
choir practice for children and with a
Biblical literature study group. Worsship service is at 11 a.m. Children's
church school is 11:20 a.m.
March 25 at 7 p.m. adults will
discuss the Campbell tapes on myth.

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Sycamore Congregational Church,
1111 Navellier St., El Cerrito. Rev.
Dr. Paul Nagano, minister. Rev.
Sadao Masuko, Nichigo minister.
525-0727.

English morning worship and
Nichigobu Bible study are at 11 a.m.
Fellowship hour is at noon.

Mira Vista United Church of
Christ, 7075 Cutting Blvd., El Cerrito. Rev. Nancy M. McKay.
234-0110.

Worship service begins at 10 a.m.

care is provided.

Rev. McKay's sermon March 25 is titled Growing the Green Pastures.

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Grace Lutheran Church, 15 Santa
Fe Ave., El Cerrito. Rev. O. R.
Janke, interim pastor. Joan Ross, lay
minister. 525-9004.

On March 25 Rev. Janke will inform the congreation how to beSplendid Christian.

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Berkeley woman, 44, was seen staggering on the sidewalk and trying to hide from police officers. After they arrested her in the bathroom of the Ivy Room, 860 San Pablo Ave., she was too drunk for immediate fingerprinting.

• A \$500 mobile radio was stolen from a Pacific Bell van during the weekend of March 9. A car windshield was smashed with a blunt instrument on the 1100 block of Key Route Boulevard March 12. During the night of March 11 vandals threw a

A 15-year-old El Cerrito boy hid two magazines under his sweater and walked out of Safeway without paying at 8:30 p.m. March 13.

Boy, 13, stabs schoolmate in eye with pencil

EL CERRITO — The following is a partial list of crimes and incidents entered on the El Cerrito police blotter this week.

incidents entered on the El Cerrito police blotter this week.

• A Richmond boy, 13, who stabbed another Richmond boy, 13, in the right eyes with a pencil is being charged with attempted murder. The incident occurred after a verbal argument between the two at Portola Junior High School March 8 at 10 a.m.

The pencil went three inches into the victim's head and wedged in his sinus cavity. Sergeant Jack Wood said if the pencil had gone a quarter inch further, it could have killed the boy or caused serious brain damage. "The intention clearly was to cause some serious damage," Wood said.

The victim has been released from the hospital but will need further surgery to remove debris from his eye. The suspect has been suspended from school and "will face an expulsion hearing," Wood said. Wood speculated that the suspect was angry because the victim was "throwing sunflower seds at him."

Three El Cerrito police officers

• Seeds at him."

• Three El Cerrito police officers received awards from the California State Automobile Association and the California Highway Patrol at a ceremony March 13.

• Officers Dennis Danielson, Lance Jorgenson and Michael Weisenberg earned the "10851 Award" for recovering six stolen vehicles and arresting six auto theft suspects each during a 12-month period.

• At 10 p.m. March 14 a Rich-

• At 10 p.m. March 14 a Richmond man, 33, was robbed at gunpoint outside Atlas Liquors, 11382 San Pablo Ave. A man in his thirties pulled him aside and said, "Hey, brother, you got a light?" then took out a revolver and said, "Gimme your wallet." The unemployed Richmond man handed over his wallet containing \$700 in cash.

Police stopped two Richmond

men, 20 and 19, for a traffic violation in the Travelodge Motel parking lot, 6009 Potrero Ave. at 9:20 p.m. March 12. They saw a scale and cocaine in the car, and found pagers and a large amount of cash.

on cash.

On March 14 a juvenile girl broke the front window of Angelo's Market, 10979 San Pablo Ave. and hit an employee in the face as she attempted a citizen's arrest.

Someone broke into a home on the 5400 block of Hillside Drive during the night of March 8 and stole a microwave oven.
After a suspicious man on a bicycle refused to stop, an officer chased him two miles down the BART path. A Richmond man, 18, was arrested and charged with obstructing justice at 3:40 p.m. March 11.
An employee of a San Pablo

• An employee of a San Pablo Avenue trucking company stole checks from her employer and fraudulently redeemed \$5,433.50

in cash.

On March 14 at 10:30 a.m. a 37-year-old woman on the 6700 block of Stockton Avenue received a call from a man saying he had her daughter. Since the woman didn't have a daughter, she hung up the phone.

At 10:50 a.m. a 65-year-old woman on the 6000 block of Jor-dan Avenue received a call from a man saying he had her grand-daughter in a motel room. The granddaughter was in school as

usual.

• Stolen cars: A 1980 Buick Regal from the BART path between Knott Boulevard and Wall Avenue between 7:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. March 9; a 1985 Ford pickup truck from the 1200 block of Kearney Street between 1 and 4:45 p.m. March 13.

A 1985 Jeep from a parking lot near Del Norte BART station between 11:15 and 11:30 p.m. March

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13; a 1984 Oldsmobile from Peerless Avenue north of Hill Street between 8 a.m. and 6:50 p.m. March 14; a 1982 Oldsmobile from Golden Gate Lanes between 7:15 a.m. and 6:10 p.m. March 14.

During the afternoon of March 12 burglars broke into a camper parked on the 2000 block of Kearney Street and stole a computer, camera, clothing and tennis rackets worth \$6,700.

• An \$810 stereo was stolen from a 1982 Subaru on the 1700 block of Lexington Avenue dur-ing the night of March 9.

An air gun was used to shoot a small hole in the windshield of a 1976 Ford wagon in the 5200 block of School Street between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. March 12.

An Architecture of the school Street between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. March 12.

• On March 9 two women shopping at Emporium Capwell in El Cerrito Plaza hid clothing worth \$194 in a baby stroller.

• An Oakland man wearing a brown UPS coat put three cartons of cigarettes under his coat and attempted to leave Pay Less Drug Store, 10650 San Pablo Ave., without paying at noon March 9.

• At Lucky Store, 10700 San Pablo Ave., March 13 a 30-year-old homeless man shoplifted \$25.92 in groceries in a plastic Safeway bag, During the booking police found two crack pipes in the man's clothing. At 8.45 a.m. a Richmond man, 30, shoplifted \$22.93 in merchandise.

\$22.93 in merchandise.

• At Pay-n-Pak, 1751 East Shore Blvd., March 8 at 12:40 p.m. a Richmond man, 51, hid drill bits worth \$23.96 under his shirt; March 10 at 2 a.m. two men removed tiems worth \$8.91 from the store's loading dock. f341f1600juvenile boy attempted to take \$4.66 in doughnuts without paying from Safeway, 10636 San Pablo Ave., at 5 p.m. March 12.

Ferry-

Continued from front page

S.F.-to-Berkeley leg of my trip, there was just one person besides me — a Calirans employee assigned to monitor ridership!) — why?

It's not for lack of cost-effectiveness. The \$5 round trip ticket includes a bus transfer, and you can't drive your car and park it anywhere in downtown San Francisco for that kind of money. It's not for lack of amenities. The restrooms are clean, the views are superior, and the coffee and donuts are, well, tasty and expeditious.

The reason people aren't riding the ferry, according to Gray, is basically an issue of convenience. "We've got a number of strikes against us," Gray said matter-of-factly. "We don't have the docking facilities, and we don't have the boats" — a reference to the Blue and Gold fleet's tourist-type vessels which are comfortable but slow, as compared to the Larkspur-type, which are big and fast.

"You tend to have partially loaded, small boats with high craw costs." commented Load.

You tend to have partially loaded, small boats with high crew costs," commented Jo Markowitz at MTC. "The cost per passenger

Markowitz at MTC. "The cost per passenger is quite high.
"Add to that the travel time, the access time — getting to and from the boat — and people feel they're a prisoner of a transit schedule." Since the end of December, service has been reduced to a single boat with two hours between departures. No additional AC Transit service was ever arranged (besides the existing 51M), nor were efforts made to coordinate bus/ferry timetables. Gray feels that while the ferry idea has long-term potential, even from a strictly practical view, the wise thing to do now is to quietly discontinue



Commuters enjoyed coffee and donuts while re-ing newspaper accounts about life in the slow is

service.
"If we let it dribble along, it'll never grow back," Gray said. "It's probably best to let it do and have people remember its successes during the emergency period. Then when we get some funding, and some boats, the enthusiasm would build back up and you'd have a service you could build back."

back up and you'd have a service you could only on."

Gray noted that Prop. 116, slated for the June ballot, would provide \$20 million for ferry services (in yet-to-be-determined locations)—enough, he said, for good facilities and a minimum two-year subsidy.

As the Berkeley Ferry Committee newslette The Chronic-Gull points out, costs of establishing or re-establishing a ferry service appear high, by they are less by far than the price of freeway expansion or a new South Bay bridge.

The ferry is an idea whose time has come, gong, and will perhaps come again. But the schedule uncertain. If you've been planning to make the trip, the last boat leaves tommorrow.

Letters

Continued from page 2 ambush along the path. They were heavily armed, each having a firearm. When Eric arrived at the ambush zone, they proceeded to riddle him with bullets. They were careful not to kill him or cause him to bleed to death. He felt every bullet.

After they had their main fun, they took Eric (still alive and most likely conscious) to a waiting vehicle and drove to the dumpsite. There they threw him on the rocky terrain and finally fired the shot that killed him. They then left the scene and I am sure they slept especially well that night.

People don't do this kind of thing unless they are able to live

with themselves; this is a truly extreme case of animal brutality. It is of utmost importance to tell the Supreme Court in absolutely certain terms that in a civilized society citizens do not allow the state to have the power of execution.

allow the state to have the power of execution.

There is no way to deliver this message short of perpetual stay of execution. If this is beyond the scope of your authority, pardon all criminals who have received the death penalty in California.

The nature of the individuals or crimes is not relevant in any form or fashion. The state is not above imprisonment of innocent people; only a fool will trust the state to administer execution

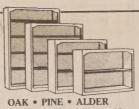
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A settlement of a class action lawsuit presently pending in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California entitled JIMMIE SMITH et al. v. FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY et al, Civil No. C90-0161 EFL, is now being considered, and the Court will consider objections to the settlement on March 30, 1990. The lawsuit is a class action filed on behalf of persons who claim to have been injured by the alleged failure of the California Department of Social Services ('DSS') and the Federal Emergency Management Agency ('TEMA') to comply with certain disaster relief laws in connection with the provisions of the federally-funded benefits to persons affected by the Loma Prieta earthquake of October 17, 1989. This notice is directed to all persons who:

(1) applied for and were denied rental assistance by FEMA because they shared housing or had not been in their pre-earthquake residence for thirty continuous days;
(2) appealed or wished to appeal a grant or denial of rental assistance:

assistance; or

(3) did not appeal a grant or denial of Individual and
Family Grant benefits provided by DSS because of the timelimit to appeal.

If you fall into one of these three categories, you may be a ass member.

Among other things, the settlement requires:

(1) provision of certain housing assistance, if needed, to individuals who were denied FEMA rental assistance because they shared housing or because they had not lived in their pre-earthquake residence for thirty continuous days or more; (2) funding for projects to provide emergency shelter with equal priority to projects that rehabilitate and/or lease shelter for individuals denied FEMA rental assistance because they had not lived in a unit for thirty continuous days prior to the earthquake; (3) renotification to present denied FEMA assistance.

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The settlement is recorded in an order signed by the Court. You may wish to consult this order, which is the most complete statement of the settlement, to determine whether you are a class member and if you approve the settlement. A copy is available for examination between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., weekdays, at the following locations:

Legal Aid Society of Alameda County 1440 Broadway, Suite 700 Oakland, CA 94612 1-800-833-1018

Legal Aid Society of Santa Cruz County 21 Carr Street Watsonville, CA 95076 1-800-762-4803

Homeless Advocacy Project of the Bar Ass of San Francisco 95 Market Street, Suite 915 San Francisco, CA 94103 1-415-512-7586 (Open 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. only)

Each of these organizations represents the class to in this lawsuit and can answer your questions about the

You may also examine the order on file the following address:

Office of the Clerk Dennis Beers Judge Lynch's Case Systems Administrator 450 Golden Gate Avenue San Francisco, CA

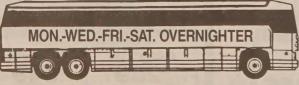
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sheds, as they're called - which house the thoroughbreds

he racetrack the fans never see

Teri DeLoache

very day as the sun rises a group of racehorses prance onto the track at Golden Gate Fields for their morn-orkouts. Men in Levi's, ten-oces and warmup jackets line long the fence watching the s gallop around the track.

be gamen around the track-horses trot by one after the A melody of pounding and crowing roosters tells one day has dawned.

'I wanted to find out what as behind the cenes. I worked my way up the way every-

one else does



who care for the expensive sclimb out of their beds or g bags, throw on their and jeans and head for the Often it's only a few steps

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here all the time
Palmer explains. She
mind living in a room
its own bathroom or
'On my day off I go stay
ds.'' During the rest of
she sleeps in the tiny
has made into a home.
awakens at 4 a.m., six
reck and heads for the
in the girls' bathroom.
he walks across the
etch'' to Arterburn's
ere four other hands are

sleeping.

Rooms are provided free at most racetracks to any worker wanting one and while an odd trainer or two might sleep in a "tack room," usually it's the people working for them. The room

is free and meals in the cafeteria cost less than \$5.

Hotwalkers, usually Mexican immigrants willing to walk a horse around before and after a race or workout for a salary of \$900 per month, almost always opt for the free room offer. Grooms, who are responsible for the care and upkeep of four or five horses, earn about \$1,100 per month. Foremen, like Palmer, make about \$1,500.

Everyone starts work before sunrise and no one calls it quits before sundown. The horses must be exercised, bathed and fed twice a day. When you live at the track, there is no going home.

The washing machine is busy cleaning cotton bandages used to wrap the horses' legs while Palmer hunts for a rider to exercise two horses that are ready for a trip to the track. The sleek horses circle around on the walk-

ing machine outside.

"I could've been done by now," she says shaking her head.
"I'm in a real bind. I can't find any riding help." She calls Arterburn and tells him the bad news.

Colorful feed buckets sit in stark contrast against drab, paint-chipped, beige barn walls. Large bales of hay are plopped in the middle of asphalt road running through row after row of wooden horse stalls.

Like most other stable hands, Palmer continues working when the recess bell rings at 8 a.m. Back at the track, however, jockeys and exercise riders head for the cafeteria.

Jockeys ride for free in the morning hoping that trainers will use them in an afternoon race. Exercise riders charge for their services but, since horses in need of exercise outnumber available jockeys, they too are in demand.

Swivel chairs attached to formica tables quickly fill with

jockeys, they too are in demand.

Swivel chairs attached to formica tables quickly fill with riders, agents, horse owners and trainers drinking coffee and talking horses. Spanish is heard more often than English and men outnumber women four to one.

A small young man with leather chaps over his jeans and a whip sticking out of his back pocket plays a pinball machine while a jockey's agent asks a trainer if a horse "this boy" worked is ready for a race.

When not hanging out in the

When not hanging out in the cafeteria, agents walk around carrying appointment books and big smiles. Agents usually get a 25 percent share of their clients' earnings and are allowed to represent two jockeys. Even so, many must moonlight to make ends meet.

This is not the case with top agent 'Ray Harris, who has represented Northern California's leading riders since becoming an agent in 1977. Harris makes a decent living convincing trainers to put one of his riders, Ron Warren, Jr., and Tom Chapman, on their horses.

Harris gets to the track at See BACKSTRETCH on page 7

See BACKSTRETCH on page 7



Grooms wash a horse after a dawn workout



The backstretch at Golden Gate Fields resembles a rural village

Photos by Mark Koehler



e grooms live at the track and work sunrise to sundown



Horses in the foreground are



A DAY

RACES

Continued from front page
He looks at the past races in the
Racing Form, also known as the
horseman's bible, and tries to
pick the horses that will finish
first and second in the race.

Chan wagers hundreds of
dollars in every race and hopefully by the end of nine or 10 races
the 40-year-old San Francisco
businessman will still have money
in his pocket to bet with the next
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businessman will still have money in his pocket to bet with the next day.

He pays \$900 a season for an eight-seat private box in the clubhouse section that is usually filled with friends. When someone in the box wins, they buy snacks and drinks for everyone else. The objective is to win money but clearly, social interaction is equally important.

Bob Hayes, a 44-year-old El Cerrito writer and real estate speculator, also considers himself a serious horseplayer. Last year he made \$62,000 at the track and this year he figures to clear almost half that.

Hayes keeps daily records so that when he files his taxes he can deduct losing wagers, the cost of the Racing Form and daily program and even his gas expenses.

"You don't need a professional gambler's license," Hayes explained. "You have to treat it as a business. You have to keep daily records and do it on a yearly basis. It can't be a hobby."

Hayes used to sit in the elegant

turf club where a strict dress code is enforced. Now he prefers wearing jeans and tennis shoes in the "Top of the Stretch" room inside the clubhouse that looks like a racebook in a Reno casino.

"It's too stuffy up there," Hayes says, referring to the turf club. "Here there is more freedom—the people are more real. When I'm disgusted and want to get away from it all, I come out here."

Not everyone takes horseracing

Not everyone takes horseracing as seriously as Hayes does. Most everyone forgets their everyday troubles when at the track.

For 30 minutes in between races, patrons of all ages, races and income groups bury their heads in newspapers looking for information to give them the winner of the next race.

A constant drone of voices

The grandstand at Golden Gate Fields

speaking different languages mixes with the sound of tractors smoothing out the dirt oval, trucks rumbling by on Interstate 880 and seagulls squawking in flight.

Some players examine "tout sheets" purchased on the way into the track for hot tips made by professional handicappers. Women often play horses with names or numbers they like and rely on intuition and the advice of others when making their bets.

About 10 minutes before the race, a trumpet call signals that horses are on the track for viewing. Crowds hurry to the guardrails to look at the horses and jockeys parading before them.

"That horse has kidney sweat," a thirtysomething woman says, pointing to the thick white foam between the back legs of a horse. "Yeah, and look at the wraps on the six horse," her companion adds. The thoroughbreds move in a slow trot to the starting gate and the crowds turn away

heading to the betting windows.
"I'll take \$10 and \$10 on the seven and a \$5 seven-three," a young man wearing jeans and a cowboy hat tells the clerk at the window.

window.

The young man has bet \$10 to win and \$10 to place on a horse named Lyphard's Fan. If it runs first or second, he will collect. He also bet an exacta, a so-called "exotic" bet where you pick the horses that will finish first and second. Great Emperor was the young man's second choice.

The lines at the window are

The lines at the window are long. As it gets closer to post time, the people are getting anxious. Some change to faster moving lines. Some turn to look at the giant tote board to see the odds. The odds are determined by how much money is bet on a horse. Lyphard's Fan is 14 to 1. If it wins it will pay \$28 for each \$2 bet.

A bell rings and track an



See CLUBHOUSE on page 7 John Adams from Berkeley studies the Racing Form



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Business Scene

By Michael S. H

It is never too early to plan the vacation of a lifetime especially if your plans include in-depth exploration of Russia. Diana Revutsky of ALL TOURS AND TRAVEL is planning two extensive tours of her homeland and Eastern Europe.

Revutsky was born in Russian Georgia and moved to Leningrad 16 years ago. She traveled extensively while living in Russia and has maintained friendships and family ties in Moscow, the Ukraine and the Baltic Republics.

Revutsky and her family emigrated from Leningrad in 1981 and have been living in Walnut Creek for the past two years, during which time she has taught Russian language classes at the Acalanes Adult Center and Temple Issiah in Lafayette.

The first tour planned for June 14-30 is entitled "Palaces and Gardens — A Grand Tour of Russian." It will feature the exploration of the beauty of Russian culture through its parks and palaces.

The tour's schedule will coin-

The tour's schedule will coincide with the romantic and mysterious 'White Nights of Leningrad.' This phenomenon, which occurs only in June as the nights get progressively shorter, almost disappears as the days grow longer.

longer.

The highlight of the stay in

Leningrad will be a tour of the Winter Palace of the Czars with its beautiful Hermitage Museum. The tour will also visit the 'Russian Versailles,' Peter the Great's Summer Palace where over 129 fountains spray 1,500 gallons of water a minute. Other excursions will include the palace of Catherine the Great in Pushkin and famed Pavlov Park.

and tamed Pavlov Park.

From Leningrad the tour will fly to Kiev and Yalta, the world famous health resort on the Black Sea and then on to Moscow for a close-up look at the Kremlin Armory with its collection of royal thrones, jewelry, Faberge eggs and other treasure. The last stop on the tour will be the medieval city of Suzdal with its ancient cobblestone streets. This is the old Russia before Peter the Great allowed Western influence into the country. the country.

the country.

Revutsky's second Soviet tour, from August 16-30, is geared to let the traveler experience four different Republics and is called 'A Slice of the U.S.S.R.' The tour includes visits to Tallinn in Estonia, Riga in Latvia, Vilnius in Lithuania and Moscow and Leningrad in Russia.

This tour was designed to give the travelers a better understanding of the different cultures, languages and religions which

A special seminar Opportunities in Rewill be presented at Glenview Realty, Boulevard, on Wedning, March 28, from p.m. The session anyone interested in career in real estates. The seminar will requirements for other

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d Products on Harrison Street will begin composting wood for mulch

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using only organic 5," Davis said. "This operation does not pro-

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Hogg, the only commiswho voted against apraised questions about
e contamination to the soil
list are 95 percent branches
aves and 5 percent other
uls. "We couldn't operate

sites all over the country while taking in toxics." Recycled Wood Products also operates composting facilities in Boston, New Jersey and Tampa.

"I didn't think we had adequate information about the safeguards," Hogg said after the vote. Although he supports the "philosophy of recycling," Hogg was not satisfied that the site would be cleaned up after the company's three-year lease expires.

"I'm not saying we have another Love Canal here," he said. "But who does the cleanup? Who's bonded, the university or Mr. Davis?"

Other conditions Davis said the company would meet include maintaining barriers to contain run-off into the creek, fencing in most of the composting area, and posting warning signs.

Davis estimated the firm will spend about \$5,000 to comply with the city's conditions. As required by state law, he has deposited \$1,000 with the city of Albany to pay for staff time for monitoring the site.

The composting will take place on a four-acre site in the southwest corner of Albany Village on Harrison Street between Fourth and Fifth streets.

The wood grinding operation is entirely in Berkeley and the composting will be adjacent and entirely in Albany. The land was leased for three years from the University of California, which

owns Albany Village.

Berkeley Transfer Station charges \$10.20 per cubic yard to transport and dump waste in the Altamont Pass landfill. Recycled Wood Products charges \$5.50 for the same amount, providing a cheap alternative to land-filling of gardening wastes.

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gardening wastes.

The new facility fills a gap left open when Berkeley's Urban Ore Building Materials went out of the composting business in 1988, Davis said. "It's a real service to the community."

Clubhouse

and his wife arrive at the track by 3:45 a.m.

He has a full-time assistant but because important decisions must be made early, he arrives long before the crack of dawn. This is unusal even in a business where most everyone works 12-hour days.

most everyout days. "We snatch a few days' vaca-tion every now and then but no one stays away too long," he

Backstretch

sunrise and doesn't leave until the last race ends. Twelve-hour days are frequent and days off are

rare. "Just because you work a few more hours is no big deal," Harris says. "I have to be here. It's important that I watch the races so I know which horses are the best."

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Like many horsemen, Harris started out as a fan looking for a way to make a living doing something he loved. Trainers often start out the same way. Even Jerry Hollendorfer, who has dominated Northern California's training standings for the last four years, says he too started out as a horse player.

"I wanted to find out what was behind the scenes," the stout 40-year-old explains. "I worked my way up the way everyone else does." Ten years ago he was a hotwalker and today he is just plain hot.

Consistently winning races is not the only thing Hollendorfer is known for. Driving from their home in Belmont every day, he and his wife arrive at the track by 3:45 a.m.

He has a full-time assistant but

The sheds at dawn

says.

About an hour after the last race is over, after he's looked

over his horses, the Hollendorfers finally call it quits. "It makes for a long day but it's worth it."



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nouncer Larry Collmus warns, "One minute to post." People in line fidget in earnest. Some start to get hostile. "This guy is so slow," says an elderly man smoking a cigar. "Damn," says the guy behind him as he moves to the next line over.

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"It's post time," Collmus announces. Slowly the lines at the window disperse. Most patrons walk outside and take their positions at the guadrails; some cluster in groups in front of the many TV monitors.

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many TV monitors.

"The horses are in the gate,"
Collmus says. The flag goes down
and the gates open. Lyphard's
Fan takes the lead and It's Courting Time is running second.

Great Emperor is far back. The horses are on the opposite side of the track and all eyes are on them.

Lyphard's Fan rapidly loses the lead and Stogie moves into first place. It's Courting Time maintains his position and Happy Idiot is laying third. They make the far turn and the crowd starts to cheer, then roars as the horses turn into the stretch.

"Come on with the four," one man screams. "Come on, Warren, move him now," another shouts. As the horses get closer to the stands, the fans cheer louder. "Go, baby, go. Ge't up there, Idiot; Come on, Happy Idiot."

As the horses cross the wire, Happy Idiot is in front, Craig Ronald, the four horse, is second

and Stogie finishes third. Lyphard's Fan finishes last. The noise gradually dissipates. Strangers and acquaintances tell whoever will listen how they did on the race.

"I got it, I got it," an excited woman in boots and skin-tight jeans says to no one in particular while waving her tickets in the air.

"Damn, I had the five and switched to the eight," a rumpled-looking man next to her says in response. "I loved Happy Idiot but I didn't play it to the three," a middle-aged woman adds.

Throughout the day the horses change but the scene doesn't. By the afternoon the crowds thin. In the lower-level grandstand area

below the clubhouse, children play, sea gulls eat spilled popcorn and "stoopers" look for winning tickets on the ground.

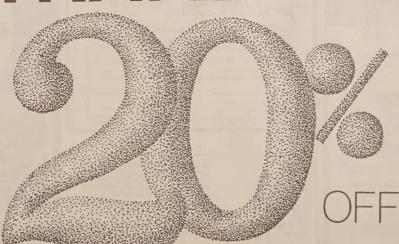
At dusk, when the last race is over, people from the grandstand begin the long walk back to their late-model Fords in the lower parking lots. Clubhouse patrons stand in line outside waiting for valets to bring their Acuras while turf club regulars head straight for their Cadillacs and Mercedes Benzes parked a few short steps away.

As it is in the rest of society, so it is at the racetrack. People divide themselves into the groups they feel most comfortable with. All classes are represented. They look different, but really, they are all the same.

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"This isn't an easy thing to do. We've invested a great deal of time in this," GLM's Bob Grether told the council. GLM currently serves as the main developer on several other city it was not meant to be, at least not with us at the helm," he said. City officials believe the new proposal more accurately reflects city needs and "market realities." A GLM survey found little interest in rental office space in Electrito at a time when the Bay Area office market is slowing.

The new plan will allow GLM to ask lower rents for the project, diversify its range of potential tenants to include more medical practitioners and small businesses, and look more attractive to potential lenders.

One council critic questioned the general soundness of redevelopment decisions made both by the city and GLM. Longtime local activist Bob Winslow accused O'Keeffe of 'mot following through'' on potentially troublesome proposals, and said that GLM has its hand in too many city projects.

Others expressed sup the scaled-down plan, a would bring the city lea, in the long run. "I really, comfortable with this, cilmember Jean Siri said members of the communal ready questioned the terest in space in the

memors of the communications are adversed to the terest in space in the building.

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d with thatched bamboo overhangs and traditional Thai music
e a setting of calmness and beauty not unlike the cuisine prepared
lef Ongarj Klongkankian.
is exciting new restaurant is serving more than 70 different tradiligishes. My lunch required no passport but I was in Thailand.
calamari salad marinated in lemon juice, onion, shallot, mint, chili
lemon grass was refreshing and tart. The squid was very fresh and
lexture perfect, the hint of mint and lemon grass changed the
la and taste of the dish to a pleasant first time experience.
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Four Hundred Restaurant is open for lunch Monday through 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and for dinner Monday through Saturday 5 to 11 p.m. Closed Sunday. The restaurant is located at the foot of the Street Bridge in Oakland. The phone number is 261-1108.

Il's All's, Kensington's elegant and romantic North African and Middle stern restaurant, has just celebrated its first anniversary with live trainment and superb food that we have come to expect from Ali's. He menu boasts the finest in cuisine from Tunisia, Aligers, socco and the Middle East. Meals begin with a wide assortment of zaw which can include: harira, a traditional soup; pil pil, sauteed ams with fresh herbs and tomatoes; and kabenaya, ground lean ab, seasoned with spices and served raw like steak tartare, with pita add.

reconcusion with spices and served raw like steak tartare, with pital diffectly prepared entrees from the grill include: shish taouk, grilled of chicken breast in lemon juice, basil, and olive oil; braised en in honey sauce with Medjool dates; tagine Saudi, braised lamb tomato and okra; tagine Jerusalem, chunks of lamb braised with alem artichokes.

addition to these dishes there are many couscous, curry and arian dishes that will delight your palate and make your evening at unforgettable.

is exciting restaurant has become part of Kensington's charm and ated at 385 Colusa Avenue and is open 7 days a week. The bar is at 4 p.m. and dinner is served from 5 p.m. Ali's provides cultural ntertainment as well. For additional information and reservations e call 526-1500.

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No. 3 Chad Bosch died unexpectedly in September. Coach Chan was forced to renovate this lineup as best he could. "We only have one returner of

lineup as best he could.

"We only have one returner of last year's top six singles players," Chan said. "The main question mark is experience. Our number one, Rick Nelson, has improved a lot from last year. I think he'll be in the top five league players."

So far the lineup has worked out well. First, Chan tried a number of combinations in two scrimmage victories and once the season began, the leaders came to the forefront.

First the Gauchos traded passing shots with DeAnza and took all 11 matches played. They were led by No. 1 Rick Nelson, who swept his opponent 6-2, 6-0.

No. 2 Sameer Pandya took a 6-2, 6-2 decision, while third-ranked Ambrose Ku won 6-4, 6-2.

Fourth seeded Peter Shah was victorious 6-0, 6-2, while York Huang reversed those scores winning 6-2, 6-0.

The fifth singles player, Frank Wang, went three sets and came away a 5-7, 7-5, 6-1 winner, giving El Cerrito a 5-0 lead heading to doubles play.

There, Darrien Lien and partner Neil Shinsako took a three-set

There, Darrien Lien and partner Neil Shinsako took a three-set match 2-6, 7-5, 6-2, while Michael Scott and Josh Robbins were easy winners 6-1, 6-0.

The same scores saw Ben Wu and Chris Wheaton win. And finally Kim Kibok and Willie Pu won 2-6, 6-3, 6-0.

Next to visit the Gauchos' courts were the Skyline Titans in a match coach Chan knew would be the toughest. They proved to be too tough, beating the Gauchos' 5-3.

5-3. Winners for the Gauchos included Ku (6-0, 6-3), Shah (3-6, 7-5, 6-4) and Wang (6-0, 6-1). Top seed Nelson lost a tough match to opponent Seth Ellis going to three sets with the scores



No. 1 seed Rick Nelson is the only returning player from last year's team

2-6, 7-6, 3-6. Second seed Pandya also put up a battle before losing 4-6, 3-6. Huang, the fourth seed, was defeated 6-4, 1-6, 3-6. In doubles action both the teams of Lien-Shinsako and Scott-Robbins lost tough matches.

Gauchos, and El Cerrito swept the singles action, posting a 6-2

was defeated 6-4, 1-6, 3-6.
In doubles action both the teams of Lien-Shinsako and Scott-Robbins lost tough matches.
Rounding out the week, St.
Mary's came calling on the

Fork Huang had little trouble beating Rouzbh Jahansouz 6-1, 6-2.

Ben Wu had an easier time, scoring a 6-0, 6-2 win over Carlson Liberato. Michael Scott finished out the singles play with a hard fought 6-4, 5-7, 6-3 win over Mike Bodus.

The doubles teams weren't as

.V.'s pre-season jinx a thing of the past Sports in Review

ougars win their st league game painst Kennedy

BANY — After suffering to a handful of one-sided to start the pre-season, the my junior varsity baseball opened up their East Shore tic League schedule last by getting their first win of ason and going 1-1 for the

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Walked, which brought up a Purcell, who promptly d. Both runners advanced the stolen base, and when a Caputo's grounder was at shortstop, Holt trotted with the first run.

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The Eagles then started to chip away at the deficit by scoring three in the third and three more in the fifth, narrowing the score to 9-7.

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That's when the Cougars scored once more for the clincher.

This time it was Robbie Allen who knocked in his second run of the day by singling home David Wonneberg, who had walked.

The 10-7 lead held up by the pitching of Shawn Purcell, who went the distance for the victory. Even though he gave up nine hits, Purcell spaced them out and avoided any disastrous innings.

Nakao, Cajina and Purcell took hitting honors by belting two runs batted in. Nakao had three. In the field, Allen had a great day as well, making seven putouts from his second base position.

The Cougars then put their one-game winning streak on the line against the Bishop O'Dowd Dragons. Despite falling behind, they made a gallant effort before losing.

Nathan Bartolome started on the mound and didn't receive much fielding help. The Cougars' defense started off shaky. Before they could get the first three outs

The high-five brothers

they were in a 6-0 hole they would never get out of.

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They tried in their first at bat, when the red hot Robbie Allen walked to start the inning. Then with one out, Lauren Caputo strode to the plate and waited the count out to three balls and two strikes before finding one he liked.

When he did, he belted it high and deep to center field and before you could blink, the ball was over the fence for a two-run homer.

It closed the lead to 6-2 and the Cougars' comeback was on. Bartolome gave up a run in the second and third innings to trail 8-2 before they batted in inning No. 3.

In the third, singles by Cajina and Allen put runners in scoring positions for Purcell, who hit a slow roller to third. By the time the third baseman threw Purcell out at first, Cajina had scored.

Caputo then walked, which put runners on first and third, and the Cougars' speed turned into a run. Caputo took off to steal second and when the throw got away from the second baseman, Allen came home with the Cougars' fourth run.

Albany's Morio Kajiwara congratulates scorer Zak Lasagna, who just scored against Oakland's Bishop O'Dowd. The varsity Cougars beat the Dragons 10-2 in Friday's game.

Another run in the fourth on a single by Scott Trenery, scoring Ricardo Botello, who had singled, closed the gap to 8:5.

By now, Bartolome had calmed down on the mound. He put together three shutout innings, keeping Albany close going into the sixth.

In that inning, a Nathan Bartolome single chased home Shawn Purcell, which brought the Cougars to 8:6. They couldn't get any closer, however, losing by the final of 9:6.

Defensive gems were turned in by Caputo and Allen in the loss. Caputo on back-to-back plays made great plays at shortstop, once going deep into the hole and with a long throw and a good catch by David Wonnenberg at first, got the batter by an eyelash. Allen turned his third unassisted double play of the season, catching a liner and doubling a runner off second base.

The Cougars' record now

The Cougars' record now stands at 1-5, 1-1 in league.
"We're getting better," said coach Dave Gaskins. "I see improvement in almost every aspect. I think we'll turn out better than I thought."

J.V. baseball

EL CERRITO — The Gauchos raised their non-league record to 6-0 last week before losing their first game against Fairfield High School. First, the Gauchos got good pitching from Gentry Brooks and Brad Gooding en route to a 7-3 win over Castro Valley.

Offensively Joey Pearse continued his torrid hitting pace, going 2 for 3 in the victory. Dirk Lacy was on base all three times, sparking the Gauchos. El Cerrito scored seven runs in the fifth and managed to hold on for the win. They followed that with their second road game of the week, this time taking on Hogan and again coming away winners.

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This time they outscored their opponents 8-5 in a game that they never trailed. They were close a few times but pulled away at the end for the win. Lacy again was the catalyst, going 2 for 2, scoring three runs and stealing a base.

Mike Hughes backed up with a 2 for performance, two runs scored and two stolen bases. Brad Gooding was on base three out of four times with one hit.

On the mound Joey Pearse had a shaky four innings allowing five runs on five hits but he kept his team ahead for the close Kwanza Graggs. Graggs came in and struck out five of the six batters he faced to seal the win. Charlie Vargas had a key pinch hit in the win. Then the Gauchos traveled to Fairfield and were beaten 7-3. Pearse and Gooding each had two hits to pace El Cerrito. Hughes had a big two-run hit as well. Dirk Lacy tried to end the week as perfectly as he started it but fell just short. Through the first two games, Lacy had been on base all six times up and in this game got on base his first three at bats for 10 in a row before striking out his last at bat.

Varsity Softball

ALBANY — Behind the hitting of Anna Sikora and Jenine McFarlane, the Cougars jumped to the early lead against league rival Bishop O'Dowd but the lead wasn't strong enough to hold

play this week.

EL CERRITO — The Lady Gauchos continue to roll, winning three more games last week raising their record to a perfect 7-0.

The Gauchos took Hogan twice during the week and finished it off with a rout of Encinal. Against the Jets of Encinal, Emily Yourd and Michelle Johnson had two hits each. Shira Warren had three hits and Jennifer Smith clobbered a triple and a single.

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On the mound Joyclyn Russell and Johnson combined to pitch the Gauchos to victory. At the plate Russell was alive as well, singling, walking four times and stealing five bases.

Against Hogan, Russell went the distance in the second game while in the first one she combined with Johnson again. Jennifer Smith's 3 for 4 performance highlighted an 11-hit attack for El Cerrito. Shira Warren had a triple and single. Johnson had three singles in a 13-4 thrashing. Russell stole five more bases and again walked four times.

The remaining score of the

The remaining score of the week went to the Gauchos, who beat Hogan for a second time 9-4. Russell this time got her bat on the ball, stroking three hits and stealing four bases bringing her total for the week to 14. Michelle Johnson also got three hits and Emily Yourd had four putouts at second base.

ALBANY — The Cougars got their first win of the season after losing their first five games. The Cougars rode the hitting of Erica Riley to a 25-21 win over Kennedy of Richmond.

Riley belted two homeruns and a double in the win. She got help from a number of hot Cougar hitters. Andi Accurso had a double and a single, Renee Romero and Laura Burks both had singles. Later in the week the Cougars See SPORTS on page 12

| Calendar |

The Discovery Shop, 10313 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito, will have an 11th anniversary birthday sale March 22, 23 and 24 featuring bins of belts, western straw hats and bargain shoes. Proceeds from the American Cancer Society shop go to fight cancer. To volunteer call 527-1469.

A Spring Filing will be held April 1 from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Albany Senior Center. Dick Oxtot and his Golden Age Jazz Band will play music of the '30s, '40s and '50s for dancing. Admission of \$3 includes ample refreshment.

refreshment.

The center is at 846 Masonic in

El Cerito Democratic Club will meet March 27 at 7:30 p.m. at the Castro Park Clubhouse. Resolutions and endorsements for the California Democratic Council convention will be considered.

Tear gas class will be held March 24 from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Albany City Hall. The fee is \$17 plus \$6 for the state license to carry Mace issued on completion of the class. Call 524-5065

Ballroom dance class for teens begins March 22 at the El Cerrito Community Center. The 6-week beginners class meets Thursdays from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

44:90 to 5:30 p.m.

A 4-week beginning class in fox-trot, also starting March 22, will be held Thursdays from 7:10 to 8:25 p.m. at the center. For information call dance instructor Belinda Ricklefs

By Andrew Thomas

For information call 526-9146.
Roberta Ghertner will present a slide show, *Interesting Indonesian Islands*, at the 11 a.m. program on

The North Berkeley Senior Center provides services and activities for seniors Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information call

On March 29 at 1 p.m. the program is Fairy Tales from Around the World.

Civil War Days, sponsored by the National Civil War Association, will be held March 24 and 25 at the Ed Levin County Park in Milpitas. Candemonstrations and a tactical battle at 3:30 p.m. will be featured March 24. Battles March 25 are at noon and 2 p.m. For information call 969-3766.

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The Kensington Area Republican
Women's Club will meet March 28 at
noon at the Mira Vista Country Club,
El Cerrito. The speaker will be Doris
Adams, Aging Issue Chairman of the
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Reservations must be received by
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Seven common financial mistakes to avoid

If you're like many conscientious investors, you probably assume you have a tight grip on your finances. What you may fail to realize, however, is that you could be hindering your investing potential by committing some major financial blunders.

These common mistakes are not limited to inexperienced investors or to those with moderate incomes; seasoned, sophisticated investors can be guilty, too. Here are seven major and most common mistakes that many people make when handling their money.

Failure to follow through on long-range goals. Many people set an investment plan but do not follow through by purchasing investments that satisfy their long-term objectives. Instead, they own a hodgepodge of investments bought on tips, hearsay advice or casual comments from friends. Concentrate on those instruments designed to fulfill your financial plan.

Failure to follow a balanced investment program. Defensive diversification in cash-oriented instruments, bonds and equities helps lessen the overall risk in your portfolio, because it balances your investments' gains and losses, while shielding your portfolio from economic downturns.

downturns.

Customize your portfolio to reflect your objectives and your ability to assume risk. If you're a stock investor who likes to invest exclusively in one industry or sector, you may wish to consider abandoning this practice and instead diversify in several.

Money Matters

By Christian F. Hausser



This can help reduce vulnerability to certain cross-cutting variables, such as govern-ment policies or consumer preferences.

Falling in love with one's investments. Be disciplined and weed out the poor performers in your portfolio regularly. You may accomplish this by reviewing your stocks at least once a year and making it a goal to pull one that has performed poorly.

Or employ the "10 percent rule" followed by many stockbrokers: sell a stock if it loses that much of its value.

To take the emotion out of purchasing stocks, you could use a mechanical means such as dollar cost averaging that demands a

specified contribution on regular basis, regardless market conditions.

Being too greedy. Consider selling a stock that has had a sharp run-up in price rather than holding on in the hope it will go higher. Letting your profits "run" is harder to achieve in today's volatile markets.

Losing patience. Short-term events sometimes overtake rational decision-making, thereby creating an emotional need to take action — even if it's the

wrong action.

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Sports in Review

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evened up their league record, losing to Bishop O'Dowd 19-7.
In that one Gina Sims had a double and five stolen bases, Laura Burks had a double and Leslie Burks added a single. Alexis Greenburg had a double and Accurso had a single as well as pitching and striking out five batters.

EL CERRITO — The Gauchos' track team got their season off and running. Against Ygnacio Valley the boys' varsity lost 98-36. Kariba Stewart took a first in the 100- and 200-meter races. Robert Price won the mile and the 800-meter run (two laps). Alisha Lopez and Keisha Hunt led the Gaucho girls but they ended up losing 101-22. Lopez, who

last year went to the North Coast last year went to the 1966s. Championships as a freshman, started her sophomore year by winning the 800 meters by half a lap in convincing fashion. Hunt lap in convincing fashion. Hunt took a first place in the 440 beating last year's league champion in running the distance in a good 1:04.2 seconds.

The Frosh-Soph runners made it interesting, losing just 65-51 with relay teams taking center

stage. Fred Lane, Thom Jose Morales and Larry ton teamed up to win relay. The 400-meter relay Laivian Coleman, Zachary Fred Layne a Zachary also did well int Zachary not only anch relay team but also won nd 200-meter race



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The very best crime prevention program is thousands of eyes and ears on the alert for suspicious behavior. In an attempt to enlist such help to make El Cerrito neighborhoods safer, the Police Department and the city's Crime Prevention Committee have set up a Neighborhood Watch program.

Police Department and the city's Crime Prevention Committee have set up a Neighborhood Watch program. You can begin by organizing your block or immediate neighborhood and setting up a neighborhood meeting.

Guggemos works with the Crime Prevention Committee and can arrange for a member of the committee as well as an El Certito police officer to come to your meeting. They will explain how a Neighborhood Watch program works, answer questions your group may have and help your neighborhood to get started if you decide to establish a Neighborhood Watch.

You may also sign up for voluntary inspections of your homes which will be conducted by a member of the Crime Prevention Committee. As a result of these inspections, you will be given ideas on how to make your home more burglar-proof. Finally, for neighborhoods who want them, signs will be posted, announcing that the neighborhood is a Neighborhood Watch area.

For more information about the Neighborhood Watch program call Detective Bill Guggemos at 237-2123.

tions and has been in existence and in use as a separate dwelling unit since its creation. The unit must also meet all minimum health and safety standards of the Uniform Building Code. The Planning and Zoning Commission reviews each application to determine whether the unit meets the requirements for legalization.

After June 8 all dwelling units created without building permits will be required to meet today's strict zoning regulations including off-street parking requirements, minimum lot size and maximum unit size.

Many property owners confuse "non-conforming units" with "illegal units." Non-conforming units are in-law units, guest cottages or basement apartments built or created legally with a

building permit. Illegal units are units built or created without building permits. These illegal units may be legalized through the city's ordinance if they meet the requirements of the ordinance.

All building permit records are on file in the Albany Public Works Department. Questions about building permits or the legalization process may be addressed to Andrew Thomas, assistant planner, 1000 San Pablo Ave., Albany 94706.

Second unit registration deadline looms

City Hall Newslines

The city's secondary residential unit legalization ordinance is due to expire June 8. Under the provisions of the temporary ordinance, property owners may apply for secondary unit approval under the regulations in effect at the time the unit was created.

The property owner must provide sufficient evidence to show that the unit predates existing zoning regulations and has been in existence and in use as a

planner, 1000 San Pablo Ave., Albany 94706.

Citizen Advisory Committees Study Commercial Avenues. The San Pablo Avenue Advisory Committee and the Solano Avenue Task Force made their final reports to the City Council March 12. Albany citizens on both committees invested their time and energy in the committees' work and the future of Albany's commercial districts.

Both committees emphasized the importance of the commercial districts to the community and the importance of well-planned efforts to support and improve the commercial vitality and aesthetic character of the avenues.

The Albany Planning Commission, at a special meeting March 14, considered the design review guidelines for new buildings on San Pablo Avenue recommended by the committee.

The Solano Avenue Task Force's 11 recommendations are being reviewed by city staff who will report back to the council in June. Copies of the San Pablo Avenue Task Force report are available at the Albany Planning Department. Special thanks go to all those who participated in this important work.

Protect your car from vandalism and theft

By Beth Bartke

It is a beautiful spring morning in El Cerrito. It's 6:50 a.m. and Al gets ready to leave for work. It's a Friday. He almost looks forward to the drive over the hills to Berkeley in his new sports car. But as he walks out to get into the car which he had parked in front of his home late Thursday evening, he finds to his surprise that it is missing. He heard no sounds during the hight. No one has keys but himself. He rushes to call the El Cerrito police, who arrive shortly at his home. Feelings of confusion, anger and frustration overwhelm him.

Five days later the car is recovered by the police department of a neighboring city. The owner is lucky since the car is not stripped, damaged or burned. He estimates, however, that over \$500 in personal items have been taken out of the car — his briefcase, books and a tennis racket. Neither the items nor the suspects are ever found.

Detective Bill Guggemos, the Police Department's Crime Prevention spokesman, says this scene is played out all too often in El Cerrito. Bill, who has been with El Cerrito for five years, has seen an increase in car thefts and burglaries.

For example, statistics show 26 vehicle thefts for the first three months of 1989 and 78 thefts already this year. It may be of some comfort to know that all 26 cars were recovered last year and 64 percent of the cars stolen this year have already been recovered. Bill says no area of El Cerrito is immune and cars are stolen from driveways, public streets, parking lots and apartment garages.

Bill wishes he had some sure-fire advice to give us for protecting our cars from being stolen. "Park in well-lit areas," he suggests. While he hesitates to recommend the installation of car alarms, Bill notes

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Community Folk

By Clara-Rae Genser



I appreciate Phyllis Fleischer's call and was delighted to respond. Please let me know of interesting people, organizations, events and travel. Write 555 Pierce St., No. 443, Albany 94706 or call 525-4585.

The pied piper of Contra Costa Civic Music Buddhist temple in Kyoto. The Japanese alps are reminiscent of the California mountains, she said. Fleischer has two grown daughters who live nearby. One has followed her mother's lead and works in the health insurance industry. Not long after chatting with Phyllis, I attended the association's latest concert featuring the Quintet of the Americas. The quintet, all woodwind instruments, played a varied and tuneful program. The enthusiasm of the audience proved how very enjoyable such concerts can be. Members and friends of the West Contra Costa Community Concert Association are selling memberships right now. Adults are \$25 for the year, students \$12. Don't forget the bonus concert for new members April 4 featuring Hector Olivera on "The Organ of the 21st Century, from Bach to Broadway." A musical bargain indeed. I appreciate Phyllis Fleischer's call and was delighted to

"I BELIEVE music is very important in our lives, so I have given many years to the association to help promote music in the community," said Phyllis Fleischer, describing the joy and interest she has taken in her 35 years as a member of the West Contra Costa Civic Music Association.

West Contra Costa Civic Music Association.

Since the association, now called the West Contra Costa Community Concert
Association, is now in the midst of its annual membership drive, Phyllis called to ask if I would be interested in writing about it. A member myself for umpteen years, I was delighted to do so. As a matter of fact, she reminded me, many of the people, so active in building and promoting civic music have been members for a long time and have devoted a good portion of their lives to his endeavor. She pointed especially to Dorothy Garner, the mainstay of the organization.

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One of the goals of this year's campaign is to interest younger people in the concerts and in becoming involved with the

people in the concerts and in becoming involved with the organization.
Certainly the concerts planned for this year should interest people of all ages. They range from the Jose Greco Company ("The First Family of Spanish Dance,") with an appearance by Jose Greco himself), to the Bel Canto Brass Quintet, to young Leland Chen, widely acclaimed violinist. Chen is the second violinist invited to study as the personal pupil of the legendary Yehudi Menuhin.
Also planned is a return engagement of the popular duo pianists Ralph Markham and Kenneth Brodway and a concert by the Metropolitan Opera baritone, Gordon Hawkins.

THE CIVIC MUSIC
Association was organized in
1941 but because of Pearl
Harbor and the war didn't really
start until 1942. The first
concerts were held in the
Richmond High School
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Memorial Auditorium was built in the 1950s.

The initial idea was to feature young artists on their way up and, for the most part, that is still one of the features of this program. Leland Chen is certain to become one of the great violinists of his generation and Van Cliburn was featured in a concert here very early in his career.

career.

In addition to the five concerts featured for the year (five great concerts for a measly \$25, what a bargain) members of the association are free to attend concerts in nearby cities such Vallejo and Oakland. Truly a wealth of opportunity.

PHYLLIS FLEISCHER, an El Cerrito resident, is retired now and able to give more of her time to her interests such as the music assocation. She starte

her time to her interests such as the music assocation. She started working with the Health Plan of America as an executive secretary and was office manager when she retired. She has lived in the same home for 35 years, where she proudly displays her garden, a lovely and luscious plot divided into areas for work, flowers and vegetables. Her love of the work shows in every inch of the garden.

Fleischer also loves to travel Fleischer also loves to travel. Many years ago she spent a year in Japan. When she returend to that country in 1985 she was astounded by the change. "So clean and neat," she said. Interestingly, she returned with a hiking group sponsored by U.C. Davis. They hiked the Japanese alps, stayed in Japanese inns and stayed in a

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